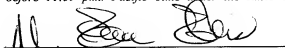


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The February 13, 2008 official Office action cited the Hallas reference, stating that "Hallas discloses that a friction testing apparatus was constructed that is similar to a Kirchberg Rolling Slider from 1997." However, the Examiner relies on the date of the Kirchberg reference as being prior art to the present invention. A copy of the Kirchberg reference was not provided.

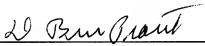
On February 25, 2008, the Examiner sent out a "Detailed Action" in which a non-English copy of the Kirchberg et al. reference was provided.

On April 8, 2008, another "Detailed Action" was sent out, sending a translation of the Kirchberg reference.

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Since it is not possible to fully evaluate the February 13, 2008 official Office action until receiving the English language translation of Kirchberg, it is requested that the date for response be reset, beginning with the mailing of the April 8, 2008 "Detailed Action."

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